

KEY ASSUMPTIONS OF LEWIN GROUP ANALYSIS

- Because people below 133% of FPL are exempt from paying the penalty if uninsured, the Lewin Group assumes that only 40% of the currently eligible but uninsured adults will enroll in Medicaid.
 - This assumption could be incorporated into our analysis rather easily. We currently assume that 100% would enroll in Medicaid.
- The Lewin Group assumes that currently eligible but uninsured children of newly enrolled parents will also enroll.
 - I am not sure how to incorporate this into our analysis. It may be possible, but will require further thought.
- The Lewin Group assumes that uninsured individuals between 100%-133% of FPL would enroll in Medicaid instead of opting for subsidized coverage through the exchange.
 - This assumption is also made in our current analysis.
- The Lewin Group assumes that undocumented immigrants and legal immigrants that have been in the country for less than 5 years will not be eligible for the Medicaid expansions.
 - Our current analysis implicitly assumes that these people are covered. We have no way to accurately separate these immigrants from the estimates of total Nevada population that we use in our analysis. If necessary, we could make assumptions about what percent of total population these individuals make up and adjust our projections accordingly.
- The Lewin Group assumes that CHIP children below 133% FPL will be moved to Medicaid.
 - We could incorporate this assumption into our analysis if data was available on the family income levels of children currently enrolled in Nevada CheckUp.
- The Lewin Group's baseline projections (current law) are produced by growing the state's June 2008 caseloads using the CBO estimates. The CBO estimates an average annual Medicaid enrollment growth rate of 1% per year and a CHIP enrollment growth rate of 5% per year.
 - We could easily incorporate this assumption into our analysis, but I do not believe that it accurately reflects Nevada's situation because it does not take the state of the economy into account. For comparison, the table below shows the fiscal year average annual caseloads for Total Medicaid (net of SLMBs) and Nevada CheckUp.

	Check-Up		Total Medicaid Net of SLMBs	
	Average Caseload	% Change	Average Caseload	% Change
FY01	14,998		132,707	
FY02	22,316	49%	166,603	26%
FY03	24,782	11%	191,078	15%
FY04	25,025	1%	193,152	1%
FY05	26,750	7%	191,332	-1%
FY06	27,492	3%	186,921	-2%
FY07	28,356	3%	179,953	-4%
FY08	29,075	3%	172,206	-4%
FY09	23,628	-19%	190,242	10%

- Due to lags in public awareness about the Medicaid program, the Lewin Group assumes that the program will reach 40% of its ultimate enrollment in 2014, 90% in 2015 and full enrollment in 2016 and beyond.
 - We could incorporate this approach into our analysis.